

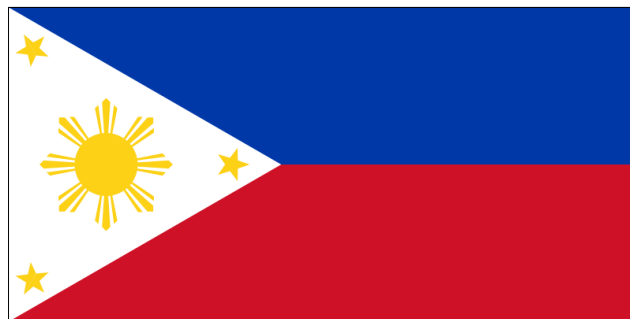
Lesson Plan 1:

Art/Geography - Design a Flag

(Slide 17 accompanies this lesson)

Background - The flag of the Philippines

The flag of the Philippines is known as 'three stars and a sun'. The white triangle stands for equality and fraternity, the blue for peace, truth and justice and the red for patriotism and bravery. The sun represents unity, freedom and democracy and the 8 rays of the sun represent the 8 provinces that took part in the initial revolution against the Spanish. The 3 stars represent the three main islands of the Philippines. The flag can indicate a state of war if it is displayed with the red side on top.



British Flag - The Union Jack

The Union Jack is in three colours, red, white and royal blue and the current design dates from 1801. Historically, the word 'jack' meant 'flag'. The three component crosses that make up the Union Jack are:

- St. George's Cross (England)
- St. Andrew's Cross (Scotland)
- St. Patrick's Cross (Ireland)

There is a right and wrong way up for the Union Jack and to display it upside down is to show a 'distress signal' (although it is often flown the wrong way up by mistake).

Art Activity

Ask the children to design their own flag for their school, village or hometown, for somewhere they have visited, a club they belong to or an activity they enjoy. Ask them to explain the colours and symbols that they have used.

- For younger children, there is a colouring in sheet of the Philippines flag on the next page that can be printed out

